



Malheur National Forest
Blue Mountain Ranger District

Oregon Interagency
Incident Management
Team 2



West Fork Fire Update

Friday, July 10, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Fire Information: (541) 987-2348

JOHN DAY, OR – There was limited fire spread on the West Fork Fire yesterday. Cool and cloudy conditions allowed firefighters to continue building fire line around the heel or north end, further protecting the adjacent private property. Where the terrain was favorable and it was safe to do so, hand and dozer fire line was constructed directly at the fire's edge.

The West Fork Fire is located on the north slope of the Aldrich Mountain range within the former Thorn Fire area, 10 miles southeast of Dayville, Oregon.

Scattered to widespread showers and thunderstorms are expected again today and Saturday. The thunderstorms could produce cloud-to-ground lightning and gusty winds. Temperatures will be slightly cooler and relative humidity should increase which will continue to moderate fire behavior. Heavy fuel concentrations will retain heat until they are completely consumed.

Crews and dozer operations have begun to construct fire line down from Forest Road 2150 on both the east and west flanks. Forest Road 2150 will be used to contain the fire on the south flank. Firefighters will continue to face extremely dangerous conditions in this steep terrain with scattered stands of standing dead trees. Aviation resources will be available should they be needed.

West Fork Fire information can be found on Inciweb at:
<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4371/>.

For more information on the Malheur National Forest, please visit us at www.fs.usda.gov/malheur or contact 541-575-3000.

Road Closure:

Closure - To reduce traffic in the area and ensure firefighter and public safety a temporary road closure is in effect on Forest Road 2150, from the intersection of Forest Road 2150-070 to the Aldrich Mountain Lookout. The official Road Closure Order and map can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4371/>

Quick Facts

Incident Summary

Approximate Size:	764 acres
Fire Containment:	10%
Incident Commander:	Brett Fillis
Resources on the Fire:	Hand Crews: 5 Helicopters: 2 Engines: 2 Dozers: 2 Water Tenders: 1
Total Personnel:	171
Jurisdiction:	USDA-Forest Service Malheur National Forest Blue Mountain Ranger District
Social Media:	Facebook U.S. Forest Service-Malheur National Forest Twitter @MalheurNF Inciweb inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4371/